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Title: BUCKLE

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 28 pages, including 1 independent claim and 11 claims total.
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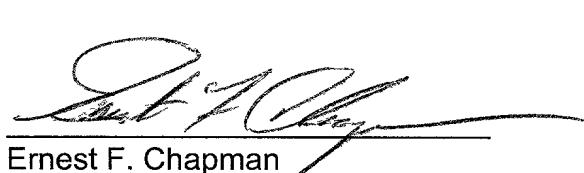
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